



Fables

Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library A Selective Annotated Bibliography

Titles in the Teaching Resources Center are cataloged with Dewey call numbers and are preceded by Curric. Please ask someone at the Teaching Resources Service Desk if you need any assistance.

Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
BIG BOOKS		
PreK-2	Lionni, Leo. <i>Six Crows: A Fable</i> . New York: MacMillan/McGraw Hill, 1988. An owl helps a farmer and some crows reach a compromise over the rights to the wheat crop.	BB L661S
K -3	Stevens, Janet. <i>The Tortoise and the Hare</i> . Glenview, IL: Scott Foresman, 2000, 1984. Recounts the race between the boastful hare and the persevering tortoise.	BB ST475T
EASY		
2 - 4	Alley, Zoe B. <i>There's a Wolf at the Door</i> . New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2008. As his plans are spoiled over and over again, the wolf keeps trying to find his dinner, in this retelling of five well-known stories and fables.	E AL549T

K - 2	Blair, Eric. <i>The Boy Who Cried Wolf: A Retelling of Aesop's Fable.</i> Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2004. (Other titles by author include <i>Belling the Cat</i> , <i>The Country Mouse and the City Mouse</i> , <i>The Crow and the Pitcher</i> , <i>The Dog and the Wolf</i> , and <i>The Donkey in the Lion's Skin</i>) A retelling of the fable in which a young boy's false cries for help cause him problems when he is really in need of assistance.	E B575BO
N/A	Bolt, Ranjit. <i>The Hare and the Tortoise and Other Fables of La Fontaine.</i> Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books, 2006. Collection of children's short stories, translated from French to English.	E B6391H
PreK-1	Buhler, Cynthia von. <i>But Who Will Bell the Cats?</i> Boston: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009 While a princess spoils her eight cats, a mouse and his friend, a brown bat, live on scraps in the castle cellar, but Mouse decides to place bells on the cats' necks so that he and Brown Bat might live comfortably, as well. Includes the Aesop fable on which the story is based.	E B867B
PreK-2	Christie, R. Gregory. <i>Mousetropolis.</i> New York: Holiday House, 2015. In this update of the classic fable, City Mouse and his cousin, Country Mouse, exchange visits and, although they find many things to like in each other's homes, they quickly learn that each prefers his own.	E C4636M
1 - 4	Fox, Mem. <i>Feathers and Fools.</i> San Diego: Harcourt, 2000. A modern fable about some peacocks and swans who allow the fear of their differences to become so great that they end up destroying each other.	E F8328F
K - 2	Gray, Luli. <i>Ant and Grasshopper.</i> New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2011. In this variation of the old tale of the ant who gathers food for winter, and the grasshopper who does not prepare, there is an unexpected ending.	E G7937A
N/A	La Fontaine, Jean de. <i>The Rich Man and the Shoemaker.</i> Columbus, OH: SRA/McGraw-Hill, 2003. A bag of gold given to a poor but cheerful shoemaker by a rich man causes the cobbler so much worry that he returns it.	E L1338R.A

- | | | |
|----------|---|----------------|
| PreK-3 | Pinkney, Jerry. <i>The Lion and the Mouse</i> . New York: Little, Brown and Co. Books for Young Readers, 2009. | E
P65615LIO |
| | In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable set in the African Serengeti, an adventuresome mouse proves that even a small creature is capable of great deeds when she rescues the King of the Jungle. | |
| K - 3 | Rocco, John. <i>Wolf! Wolf!</i> New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2007. | E
R581W |
| | A crafty old wolf finds a peaceful way to satisfy his hunger in this alternate version of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," told from the wolf's point of view and set in Asia. | |
| PreK - K | Shannon, George. <i>Rabbit's Gift: A Fable from China</i> . Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2007. | E
SH193RA |
| | Woodland animals, each thinking of his neighbor, share a turnip left on their doorstep. | |
| 2 - 3 | White, Mark. <i>The Fox and the Grapes: A Retelling of Aesop's Fable</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Picture Windows Books, 2004. (Other titles by author include <i>The Ant and the Grasshopper</i> , <i>The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg</i> , <i>The Lion and the Mouse</i> , and <i>The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing</i>) | E
W5847F |
| | Retells the fable of a frustrated fox that, after many tries to reach a high bunch of grapes, decides they must be sour anyway. | |

FICTION

- | | | |
|-------|--|------------|
| 1 - 2 | Lobel, Arnold. <i>Fables</i> . New York: Harper & Row, 1980. | F
L783F |
| | Collection of short, original fables with fresh, unexpected morals that poke subtle fun at human foibles through the antics of animals. | |
| 2 - 4 | Tulien, Sean. <i>Rudyard Kipling's How the Leopard Got His Spots</i> . Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2012. | F
T821R |
| | This graphic adaptation from Kipling's Just so stories relates how the leopard got his spotted coat in order to hunt the animals in the dappled shadows of the forest. | |

NONFICTION

- | | | |
|--------|---|--------------------|
| 3 - 12 | Duffy, Chris (Ed.) <i>Fable Comics</i> . New York: First Second, 2015. | 398.2
F113 |
| | Amazing cartoonists take on classic fables from Aesop and beyond! | |
| 1 - 3 | Hardyman, Robyn. <i>What is a Fable?</i> New York: Britannica Educational Publishing in association with Rosen Educational Services, 2014. | 398.2
H2227WFAB |
| | With bright photographs and illustrations, this volume explains the concept of a fable--defining the genre, detailing its characteristics, and reproducing some of the most famous examples of these stories from cultures around the world. | |
| 1 - 3 | Morrison, Toni. <i>The Tortoise or the Hare</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2010. | 398.2
M8347T |
| | Jamey Tortoise is smarter than anyone else and Jimi Hare is faster, but when a race is announced each consults a reporter about how to get what he really wants when and if he should win in this updated twist on the familiar fable. | |
| N/A | Nunes, Shiho S. <i>Chinese Fables: "The Dragon Slayer" and Other Timeless Tales of Wisdom</i> . Tokyo: Rutland, VT: Tuttle, 2013. | 398.2
N9222C |
| | An illustrated retelling of nineteen fables and tales from China, each of which features a nugget of ancient folk wisdom and introduces aspects of traditional Chinese culture and lore. | |
| N/A | Percy, Graham. <i>The Fox and the Crow</i> . Mankato, MN: Child's World, 2010.
(Other titles by author include <i>The Heron and the Fish</i> , <i>The Ant and the Grasshopper</i> , <i>The City Mouse and the Country Mouse</i> , <i>The Fox and the Stork</i> , and <i>The Tortoise and the Hare</i>) | 398.2
P4126FC |
| | A fox plays upon a crow's vanity to steal a piece of cheese. | |
| 1 - 2 | Rustad, Martha E.H. <i>Learning About Folktales, Fables, and Fairytales</i> . North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2015. | 398.2
R928L |
| | Quick, fun examples help you understand the magic of fairy tales, fables, and folk tales. | |
| N/A | Laird, Elizabeth. <i>Pea Boy: and Other Stories from Iran</i> . London, UK: Frances Lincoln Children's, 2010. | 398.209
L1447P |
| | Retells folktales and fables from Iran, including the story of a mouse and a cockroach who fell in love, a foolish weaver's apprentice, and a boy with the head of a chickpea. | |

N/A

Gavin, Jamila. *School for Princes: Stories from the Panchatantra*. London, UK: Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2012.

398.20954
G245S

These five ancient fables are from the Panchatantra, one of the great classics of Indian literature from the 3rd century BC. They are interwoven with five brilliant, original stories by the award-winning writer Jamila Gavin, showing how three rude, badly behaved princes are turned into future kings through the storytelling wisdom of their teacher, old Sarma.

Last Updated Oct-22 JD